Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Furthermore, the case may arise where the first key information item K1 stored in the security storage means 8 has already been used to modify an application or has been discovered by hackers and thus can perhaps no longer be used. In this case, a new first and second key information item can be generated by the operator computer 10, where the new first key information item could be transmitted as code to the smart card S in a manner encrypted using the first master key information item ~~MKI1~~ MKI2. The security application AS of the smart card S could then decrypt the received code using the second master key information item ~~MKI2~~ MKI1, whereupon the new first key information item could advantageously be stored in the security storage means 8 of the smart card S to modify another application.